



March 28, 2009

Sheriff Robert Levy  
Alpine County Sheriff's Office  
14777 State Route 88  
Markleeville, CA 96120

RE: GCA - 08

Dear Sheriff Levy:

Please accept this letter from the BlueRibbon Coalition, a national trail group, as indication of **support** for your 2008/09 Law Enforcement Grant.

BRC supports law enforcement grants that are part of a holistic vision for managed OHV recreation in the patrol area. BRC believes the applicant shares that vision with a balanced LE grant that incorporates enforcement of OHV laws, cooperation with other agencies, face-to-face rider education, commitment to maintaining access to quality OHV/OSV opportunities, and being the first responder to injured or lost recreationists.

BRC believes this LE grant is a foundation block upon which the area's access to both motorized recreation and vehicle-based non motorized recreation is based. BRC also understands the rugged nature of the terrain and the critical importance of having a rapid response SAR capability to lost or injured users. Just as trail construction costs are often higher for routes built in "black diamond" terrain, BRC believes the grant amount is commensurate with, or on scale to, what other agencies or districts are proposing with similar terrain, visitor use patterns, complex mixture of motorized v. non-motorized land classifications, critical nature of SAR because of hostile environment, and other resource issues.

BRC believes the acquisition of the "Jeep" will allow for a more dynamic and cost-effective use of staff.

BRC commends your commitment to maintaining access to high quality motorized recreation and your holistic/pro-active approach to OHV law enforcement.

Sincerely,

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